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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application (which is filed herewith), and for calculation of the proper filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claims 39-44 as follows.

--39. (New) An antibody that binds to the polypeptide shown in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:2).

40. (New) The antibody of Claim 39 which is a monoclonal antibody.

41. (New) The antibody of Claim 39 which is a humanized antibody.

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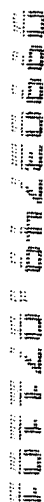
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42. (New) The antibody of Claim 39 which is an antibody fragment.
43. (New) The antibody of Claim 39 which is labeled.
44. (New) The antibody of Claim 39 which specifically binds to the polypeptide shown in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO 2).

Applicants respectfully request entry of these new claims for prosecution in this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (650) 225-4461 if any issues may be resolved in that manner.

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